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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: CLIMATE CHANGE, NOBEL PRIZE  
FOR POTUS, INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY, AFGHANISTAN, INDIA-  
CHINA; NEW DELHI.

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reaction/opinion from India's large non-English press.  
The Mission reports on English-language media via email  
through the daily "Early Edition" summary.

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CLIMATE CHANGE  
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[¶1.](#) "ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION," editorial in October  
21 right-of-center Hindi daily, DAINIK JAGRAN: "Indian  
Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh's approach on the  
Kyoto Protocol just before the Copenhagen Climate  
Change summit was not right. While there is no harm in  
India reconsidering its stand on climate change, he  
should have presented his suggestion for open  
discussion. The difference between developed and  
developing countries on emissions should be maintained,  
but environmental threats should not be overlooked.  
Developing countries should emphasize on getting green  
technologies from developed nations, without affecting  
their economies and the environment."

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NOBEL PRIZE FOR POTUS  
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[¶2.](#) "NOBEL FOR WANTING NON-PROLIFERATION," op-ed article  
in October 21 centrist Hindi daily, NAI DUNIYA: "What  
did the Nobel Committee see in Obama, who has not even

completed a year as the U.S. President! It was a hasty decision, but there is no doubt that Obama is well-intentioned and honestly wants to establish peace in the world. Nuclear non-proliferation is an important factor for choosing Obama. After all, he scrapped the U.S. missile program in Europe."

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INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY  
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¶3. "INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY NEEDS TRANSFORMATION," editorial in October 22 right-of-center Gujarati daily, MUMBAI SAMACHAR: "For the last couple of months, India's relations with China are on the ebb. China has adopted an aggressive posture against India with the Chinese media embarking on an anti-India drive. Besides, American President Obama has already displayed his escapist attitude by not meeting with the Dalai Lama. This has further emboldened China's ego and self-esteem. Under such a scenario, the first thing India needs to do to is to snap all economic ties with China. India can no longer afford to merely rely on giant nations like the U.S. or Russia. She needs to formulate not just diplomatic but rather unusual foreign policy approach."

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AFGHANISTAN  
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¶4. "ELECTION OF RIGGING," editorial in October 22 independent Kolkata Bengali, ANANDABAZAR PATRIKA: "Rampant malpractice in the Afghan Presidential election has denied Karzai a direct victory. While President Obama is preparing to dispatch yet another 40,000 troops to Afghanistan, a natural question arises. Who will these troops fight for? The West has become desperate to somehow legitimize the Karzai government. With the possibility that the Karzai government would earn global confidence getting remote, Afghanistan's woes are unlikely to end soon."

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INDIA-CHINA  
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¶5. "BREACH IN TRUST," editorial in October 22 Guwahati Assamese independent ASAMIYA Khabor: "It seems growing Indo-U.S. strategic relation has made China anxious. That's why it has stepped up its anti-India tirade. Such actions generate public outcry and mistrust. Instead of allowing the crack to widen further, China should try to resolve differences through diplomacy."

¶6. "SINGH-JIABO MEET: BACK TO SQUARE ONE," editorial in October 22 centrist Gujarati daily, DIVYA BHASKAR: "The upcoming meeting between Indian prime minister Manmohan Singh and his Chinese counterpart Wen Jiabao in the midst of ongoing war of words between both the nations, won't yield much breakthrough. This is because China is not going to soften its stand from its stated position. Under such circumstances, the only option left with Prime Minister Singh is to adopt a tough stand and follow a tit-for-tat approach failing which the 'dragon' fire will spread out of control."  
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